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SUBJECT: CENTER FOR DEFENSE INFORMATION REPORT ON KOREA

1. WASHINGTON-BASED CENTER FOR DEFENSE INFORMATION, HEADED BY RETIRED ADMIRAL LAROQUE , HAS ISSUED STUDY ON U.S. SECURITY POLICIES IN KOREA AS JANUARY ISSUE OF CENTER'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER THE DEFENSE MONITOR. COPY BEING POUCHED TO EMBASSY.

2. FOLLOWING ARE CONCLUSIONS OF STUDY: QUOTE
A. THE GROWING SOUTH KOREAN CAPACITY TO DEFEND ITSELF MAKES IT POSSIBLE FOR THE U.S. TO BEGIN WITHDRAWING ITS GROUND FORCES FROM KOREA IM 1978 AND TO COMPLETE THIS WITHDRAWAL BY 1980.

B. THE KOREAN CONFLICT SHOULD BE SEPARATED AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE FROM GREAT POWER INVOLVEMENT. THE U.S. SHOULD

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MAKE IT A MATTER OF PUBLIC POLICY THAT IT DOES NOT INTEND TO BECOME INVOLVED IN ANOTHER KOREAN WAR IF THE ORIGINS OF THAT WAR ARE PURELY KOREAN AND IT SHOULD SEEK AN UNDERSTANDING WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND THE SOVIET UNION THAT THEY TOO WOULD REFRAIN FROM BECOMING INVOLVED IN A WAR OF PURELY KOREAN ORIGIN. THIS WOULD REDUCE THE LIKLIHOOD OF ADVENTUROUS ACTIONS BY BOTH KOREAS THAT MIGHT LEAD TO WAR.

C. U.S. CONTACTS AND IMPROVED COMMUNICATIONS WITH NORTH KOREA WOULD REDUCE THE POSSIBILITY OF NORTH KOREAN MISCALCULATIONS AND RESORT TO MILITARY FORCE. THE PROCESS OF IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND CHINA HAS YIELDED BENEFITS THAT MAKE A SIMILAR POLICY TOWARD NORTH KOREA DESIRABLE.

D. IT IS INCREASINGL
CIES OF THE SOUTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT WILL WEAKEN THE WILLINGNESS OF THE U.S. PUBLIC TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE U.S. DEFENSE COMMITMENT TO SOUTH KOREA. GREATER SENSITIVITY BY THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA GOVERNMENT TO U.S. CONCERNS WOULD REDUCE THIS POSSIBILITY.

E. THE USE OF U.S. NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN KOREA COULD LEAD TO GENERAL NUCLEAR WAR, ARE NOT NECESSARY FOR DEFENSE OF SOUTH KOREA, AND OUGHT TO BE PROMPTLY WITHDRAWN. UNQUOTE INGERSOLL